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New Aviation Education Facility at Smith Field Opens

Public relations is always a point of emphasis when we discuss the image of general aviation airports. The need to get involved with the community is stressed. Smith Field, in Fort Wayne, has found a great way to do just that.

Through a partnership of The Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, The Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance, The City of Fort Wayne, Ivy Tech Community College, and Fort Wayne Community Schools; a new aviation education facility has been opened on

the airport field. The ground breaking for the facility occurred last December in order for the facility to begin offering courses in August of this year.

The goal of the partnered groups is to transition to a full Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) program at Smith Field Airport. Currently, the new facility houses the classes for the powerplant portion of the curriculum, dealing with the maintenance and repair of aircraft engines. This building is the first new development at Smith Field Airport in almost 30 years.

To achieve the goal of

housing the full program at the field in the future, plans are underway for the construction of a larger facility that will allow both the airframe and powerplant portions of the curriculum to be conducted at Smith Field. A dedication ceremony for the facility was held on September 25.

For more information about the facility contact Kristina Holmes, Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, (260) 747-4146 x233.

-Thanks to Smith Field Airport Supervisor Tim O'Donnell for information and picture provided for this article.



Feature Airport of the Month

North Vernon Municipal Airport (OV0)



If you ever find yourself flying through southern Indiana and are looking for a place to stop and stretch your legs, North Vernon Municipal Airport is the perfect place.

Located in Jennings County, three miles northeast of the city of North Vernon, the airport was originally developed as an auxiliary for Freeman Airfield in Seymour. Originally St. Anne Auxiliary Field, the airport was constructed in 1943. In 1948, the airfield was deeded to the city and has been operated as an airport ever since.

The facility has two runways, 5/23 which measures 5000 feet x 75 feet, and 15/33 measuring 2730 feet x 60 feet. With the main runway having 5000 feet of length it can easily

rentals farm leases and fuel sales the airport generates enough money so as not to have to draw tax dollars from the city.

erty is an 18 hole golf course, with transportation provided to and from the airport terminal.



The airport terminal pictured from the aircraft apron

The airport offers many attractive services. These include flight training and aircraft acquisition assistance offered by Huddleston Aviation; and also two full service maintenance shops: Bishop Aviation and St. Anne's Services. There is also a modern terminal at the airport which offers such amenities as passenger lobby, conference rooms, high speed wireless access, pilots' lounge, meteorologix weather computer, and a courtesy car.

If you get a chance to stop in North Vernon Municipal Airport you will be greeted by manager Ryan Curry who is always quick to assist any guests to the airport. For more information on the airport you can call (812) 346-5223. They also can be found on the web at www.nvair.org.

Also located on airport prop-



Flight training being conducted in a Piper Tomahawk at OVO.

accommodate most business jets and turbo-prop aircraft. The airport houses 33 aircraft and had an operations count of 12,403 in 2006. The airport sits on approximately 800 acres of property which contributes to the fact that the airport is completely self-sufficient. Through hangar



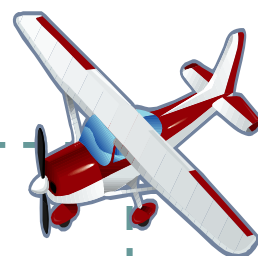
Self Inspections Help!

A little preventative maintenance at an airport can go a long way with a step-by-step self inspection checklist. Small non-compliance issues are becoming more abundant during the annual airport inspections and would be preventable if there were inspections conducted daily or even weekly on the airfield by airport staff. The regulations for the annual state airport inspections are located in 105 Indiana Administrative Code 3-3-11. If you would like to receive a copy of the checklist that the INDOT Office of Aviation uses for inspections so your airport can start a self-inspection program, please contact Marcus Dial at (317)232-1494.



STORY IDEAS

Have a story idea for Hoosier Hangar Talk? Contact Justin Klump, INDOT Office of Aviation, at jklump@indot.in.gov



Private-Use Airstrip Privileges

So you have gotten a certificate of site approval for your private-use airstrip, and now you are ready to begin utilizing it. What operations are permitted? The answer can be found in Indiana Administrative Code. 105 IAC 3-3-22 (d) states "The following commercial operations are prohibited at private-use airports unless specifically approved by the department: the carrying of

passengers or cargo for hire; student instruction; rental or sales of aircraft; sale of aviation fuel or oil; air meets or exhibitions; advertising for any of the above; or any activity which solicits the general public to use the airport."

The most important part of this portion of administrative code is, "...or any activity which solicits the general public to use the airport." As a private-use airport, you are afforded the luxury of not having to meet the minimum

standards that public-use airports must meet. Since these safety measures are not in place, private-use airports must only be used by the owner and other persons specifically authorized by the owner.

If you have any questions regarding the privileges afforded to a private-use airstrip you can contact the INDOT Office of Aviation at (317) 232-1489.

Want to know the status of your grant payment?

The Auditor of the State's Office has launched a new web-address that enables vendors to research the status of their grant payments. By visiting: <http://www.in.gov/auditor/search/purchase.html>, with the purchase order number or requisition number you can look up the status of invoiced payments for airport grants. The site is very user friendly. By simply selecting from a drop down

box whether you would like to enter the requisition number or the purchase order number and then typing that number into the box below and submitting it, the page returns with information including: purchase order number, requisition number, purchase amount, vendor name, purchase date, and purchase order status. This is a very quick and easy way to get the status of the

payments and should be a very helpful tool for vendor use regarding the status of invoiced payments.





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Annual Conference

October 9-12

**Swan Lake Resort &
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Plymouth, Indiana

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